

**Cooperative Monitoring Evaluation and Research Committee  
(CMER)  
June 23, 2015  
DNR/DOC Compound/Tumwater, WA**

<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Representing</b>
§Baldwin, Todd (ph)	Kalispel Tribe – CMER Co-Chair
Beckett, Leah	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Bell, Harry	Washington Farm Forestry Association
§Dieu, Julie	Rayonier
Gauthier, Marc (ph)	Upper Columbia United Tribes
Haemmerle, Howard	Department of Natural Resources
Hayes, Marc	Department of Fish & Wildlife
§Hicks, Mark	Department of Ecology, CMER Co-Chair
Hooks, Doug	WFPA
§Kay, Debbie	Suquamish Tribe
§Martin, Doug	Washington Forest Protections Association
§Mendoza, Chris	Conservation Caucus
§Mobbs, Mark	Quinalt Indian Nation
Roorbach, Ash	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission – CMER Staff
Schuett-Hames, Dave	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
Shramek, Patti	Department of Natural Resources – CMER Coordinator
Stewart, Greg	Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission - CMER Staff
§Sturhan, Nancy	NWIFC
Woodsmith, Rick	Consultant

§Indicates official CMER members and alternates; ph indicates attended via phone.

\*Indicates Decision

Agenda addition: Discussion about cancelling July meeting if there are decisions that need to be voted on.

**Action:** July meeting will be cancelled unless major decision items surface by the date of the July CMER mailing.

**Science Session:**

**ENREP Study Design Presentation and Update**

Stewart gave an update on the ENREP Study Design. He reported that the TWIG received comments this week.

Policy gave direction to do clear cuts on dry reaches. A proposal will go to Policy at their next meeting. Treatment options are still in play and they can't talk to landowners until they know what treatments they will be doing. Doug Martin commented that industry taking an alternative proposal to Policy next week – 30 foot no cut buffer on Np streams that are connected to F streams.

Stewart gave PowerPoint presentation on draft study design and answered questions about the elements of the design.

Comments on the current draft are due July 7, 2015.

**Public comment period** – no comments

### **Updates:**

#### **Report from Policy – June 4 meeting**

Mark Hicks gave a report on the June 4 Policy meeting. Minutes for the meeting can be found on the Department of Natural Resources web page at <http://www.dnr.wa.gov/about/boards-and-councils/forest-practices-board/tfw-policy-committee>.

### **CMER**

#### ◆ **Protocols and Standards Manual**

Nancy Sturhan reported that they have a draft on charters and that Ash Roorbach and Howard Haemmerle are doing the bulk of the work. The best available science section is finished. They are meeting on June 30, 1:00 pm -3:00 pm, at the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission to discuss the various pieces have and how they work together.

#### ◆ **CMER Staff Geologist Position at Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission**

Dave Schuett-Hames reported that the Forest Practices Board approved another CMER staff position related to unstable slopes. Nancy Sturhan and Julie Dieu have agreed to help interview and he welcomes anyone else who is interested to help. He is waiting for the Legislature to approve the State budget before starting the hiring process. He asked for help with drafting job description and interview process.

#### ◆ **LEAN Process**

Hicks reported that he only received comments from Todd Baldwin regarding the draft he presented at the last meeting. Baldwin said he would like to make sure that the SAG that has the most expertise in the subject area have input into TWIG development. Hicks will move forward with draft changes.

### **RSAG**

#### ◆ **Extensive Monitoring Remote Sensing Proposal – *update***

Howard Haemmerle reported that RSAG met with the UW about what they have found in the literature review and that RSAG was comfortable with how it was going. A draft will be available at end of the month and will be presented at the next RSAG meeting. It should go to Policy at their August meeting.

### **UPSAG**

#### ◆ **Glacial Deep-Seated Landslide Project – Literature Synthesis – *update***

Haemmerle reported that they are working on what UPSAG will do (document location) and what a contractor would do (review documents) before drafting the scope of work for

the contract. They are looking to have a contract at the end of summer and a document for CMER to review in February.

## **SAGE**

### ◆ **EWRAP – update**

Haemmerle reported that a discussion was scheduled for the last SAGE meeting but Berge sent out an email with recommendations to SAGE and CMER Co-chairs. Discussion at the meeting revolved around that recommendation. Baldwin will be giving a history of the project at next SAGE meeting (July 14 in Ellensburg) and they will have a discussion on how to move forward. He asked for people to let him know if they want to call into that meeting so he can set up the appropriate amount of ports for the call.

## **WetSAG**

### ◆ **NETMap Presentation, Lidar Delineation of Wetlands Under Forest Conditions, NWI Wetland Update in Minnesota – update**

Debbie Kay reported that WetSAG is looking into remote sensing to help them par down sites. She invited experts to give presentations on how it could work. She hasn't done a WetSAG debrief yet. If CMER members are interested in seeing the PowerPoint presentations let her know and she will send it to them.

## **TWIG**

### ◆ **BMP Roads Effectiveness Project TWIG – update**

Dieu reported that the TWIG had a GoTo meeting on June 19 and are moving forward on the alternatives document. Other meetings are scheduled for July 3 and July 9. It could come to CMER for review in July.

### ◆ **Forested Wetlands Effectiveness Project TWIG – update**

The TWIG is working on the problem statement, critical questions, and study objectives. It is a very rough draft and they have another call scheduled in a couple weeks. They hope to have a draft to CMER for review by August.

### ◆ **Unstable Slope Criteria TWIG – update**

Haemmerle reported that the TWIG took the problem statement/critical questions memo to Policy. Discussion at Policy revolved around language of critical question and how to modify the question. Policy provided approval contingent upon guidance provided to the TWIG and directed him to take the recommendation back to the TWIG. If the TWIG incorporates the guidance they can go ahead and move forward. The TWIG needs to have a discussion about the guidance.

### ◆ **Type F Riparian Prescription – update**

Schuett-Hames reported that the TWIG is working on adding another alternative and responding to Hicks' comments. Haemmerle reported that a revised document will be provided to CMER for their review.

## **CMER/SAG Recap of Assignments/Decisions**

- ◆ Public comment period will be added to each agenda right after the science session.

- ◆ July meeting will be cancelled unless major decision items surface by the date of the July CMER mailing.
- ◆ Hicks will make sure ENREP issues will be addressed at Policy.
- ◆ Dr. Monica Moskal will be asked if she would be willing to present the Remote Sensing document to CMER.

**Adjourned**